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Y. Maruo)
Serial No.: 09/687,197)
Filed: October 14, 2000) Art Unit: 2822
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
AND METHOD FOR)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)
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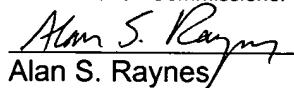
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